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PARIS FOR WILLIAM SALMON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, TECH, ENRG, FR

SUBJECT: HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM

REFERENCE: (A) 76 STATE 271076 (B) 76 PARIS 38326

1. AN HEU (HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM) SUBGROUP TO THE NSC  
AD HOC GROUP ON PROLIFERATION IS BEING ESTABLISHED TO RE-  
VIEW APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT LICENSES FOR SIGNIFICANT  
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QUANTITIES OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM AND TO MAKE RECOM-  
MENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT ON THOSE WHICH WILL RE-  
QUIRE HIS APPROVAL UNDER PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE  
HEU EXPORTS.

2. IN ITS REVIEW, THE HEU SUBGROUP WILL CONSIDER THE  
NATURE OF THE PROGRAM IN WHICH THE HEU WILL BE USED;

TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION FOR USE OF HEU IN EACH INSTANCE, RATHER THAN URANIUM ENRICHED TO LESS THAN 20 PERCENT U-235; ANTICIPATED RATE OF HEU UTILIZATION; EXISTING HEU INVENTORIES, PARTICULARLY IN UNIRRADIATED FORM; AND URGENCY OF NEED. (WE RECOGNIZE THAT GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY OF FRENCH PROGRAMS UTILIZING HEU, INCLUDING FABRICATION OPERATIONS, IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO OBTAIN SUCH

INFORMATION. HOWEVER, THE MORE COMPLETE IT CAN BE THE BETTER THE CHANCE FOR PROMPT ISSUANCE OF THE EXPORT LICENSE INVOLVED.)

3. GIVEN LONG DELAYS IN ISSUANCE OF MANY HEU EXPORT LICENSES AND INCREASING POLITICAL OVERTONES--PARTICULARLY IN EC AND FRG--HEU SUBGROUP ALREADY IS BEGINNING ITS REVIEW IN ANTICIPATION OF PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL OF GUIDELINES WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS, IN HOPES OF MOVING FORWARD VERY QUICKLY. SINCE WE WILL NOT WISH TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT MORE FREQUENTLY THAN SEMI-ANNUALLY, EXCEPT IN CASES OF EXTREME URGENCY, IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT FRENCH REQUESTS BE INCLUDED IN THIS INITIAL REVIEW. THUS, FOR THE PRESENT REVIEW THERE WILL NEED TO BE A BALANCING BETWEEN COMPLETENESS OF INFORMATION DESIRED AND URGENCY.

4. PLEASE RESPOND SOONEST WITH NECESSARY INFORMATION ON CASES LISTED REF A AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED FOR CASE SUBJECT OF REF B. ADDITIONAL CASES REQUIRING INFORMATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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XSNM-1081 - EXPORT OF 69.750 KILOGRAMS OF U-235 FOR  
RAPSDIE REACTOR

XSNM-1080 - EXPORT OF 128.340 KILOGRAMS OF U-235 FOR  
THE SILOE, OSIRIS, RHF AND EL3 REACTORS.

5. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON RESULTS OF CERCA  
PHYSICAL SECURITY VISIT ASAP.

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